

Articles manufactured in the Rubber Factory.

139: ***Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad** (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether any articles have been manufactured in the Trivandrum Rubber Factory till now (12-3-1111);

(b) if so, what kind of articles;

(c) how many in each kind;

(d) whether Government have found a market for them; and

(e) if the answer to part (a) is in the negative, the reason for the delay in beginning manufacture?

Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Industrial Chemist in charge*):

(a) Yes.

(b) Cycle tyres, cycle tubes, garry tyres, rubber hoses, rubber tubes, sheets and sheetings and rubber over-coatings.

(c) The production varies from day to day due to the experience gained by the workmen in the manufacture of each article.

(d) The question is now under the consideration of Government.

(e) This does not arise.

Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad: Has any private individual applied for agency for the sale of articles manufactured in the Rubber Factory?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Yes, Sir.

Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad: Are the articles produced in our Rubber Factory inferior or equal in quality to similar articles of foreign manufacture available in the market?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Equal in quality.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Has any of the articles manufactured in our factory been sold; if so, for how much?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: About Rs. 1,500 worth of articles have been sold.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Is it a fact that the factory was closed when the officer in charge was on two days' casual leave?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: The factory was closed for 4 days, but for other reasons; lightning conductors had to be installed; some machinery had to be cleaned.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Who did that work?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: The P. W. D.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai (*Commerce and Industry, South*): What was the production on the day on which the factory was opened and work was started?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: No finished article was produced on that day.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : It is stated in part (c) of the answer that the production varies from day to day due to the experience gained by the workmen in the manufacture. That is why I want to know how much they were able to produce on the first day and how much they are able to produce now as a result of their experience.

President : According to the official member, no article can be finished in a day, so that it is difficult to say how much was finished on the first day.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : How many days does it take for them to manufacture a motor tyre ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : We do not manufacture motor tyres.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : How many days do they take to manufacture one cycle tyre, one cycle tube, one garry tyre, one rubber hose, one rubber tube, one rubber sheet... ..

President : All together, or each separately ?

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Each separately.

President : I do not think one can carry all that in memory. Can you give the information ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : No, Sir, I claim notice.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : When they made their first entry in their stock register, how many cycle tyres, how many cycle tubes, how many garry tyres, how many... ..

Mr. C. Kumara Das : It is a long list, Sir. Shall I read it ?

President : Supply a copy.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : What was the percentage of increase noted during each month ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : I claim notice. It has not been calculated.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know whether after all, the workmen have gained any real experience at all ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : They are gaining experience.

*Statement re : appointments made in the provincial staff
of the Education Department.*

140. ***Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad :** Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the following statements :

(a) the list of acting teachers appointed to the Second Grade of the provincial staff from Edavom 1101 to Vrischikam 1103 showing their caste, qualifications, the date of first appointment to the 2nd Grade and total acting service as it stands on 15-10-1935; and